

2018 Vice-President (Malcolm Lake) Annual Report by Brenda Martin

One of the key responsibilities as Vice-President is to maintain and grow the membership. This has proved to be a challenge as properties change hands and locating the newcomers takes considerable time. Efforts included a mail-out in the fall with the Drone Notice to all property owners, information posted at the boat launch to celebrate the activities organized by MALLA and the website promotion to encourage new members. Once again, I prepared Welcome packages for new members and additional information packages for current members to be distributed at the AGM. This year I am asking for assistance from present members. A letter and a membership form have been prepared describing the benefits of belonging to MALLA. If you know that your neighbours do not have a membership or you have new neighbours, we are asking if you can be an ambassador and make this first connection.

Water testing has continued thanks to Ron Higgins/Glen Fowler who report to The Lakes Partners Program out of Dorset (April-October). No significant change in water quality in 2017 is great news. The results for Malcolm Lake can be found on the website <http://desc.ca/programs/LPP> with all other lakes in the Partners Program. In addition, MALLA participates in the MCVA Watershed Watch program on a 5-year rotation basis where sampling and analysis are undertaken three times a year. These testing programs are vital to the monitoring of water quality for our lakes.

A major component of the VP role is the implementation of the Lake Plan. I have attended most public sessions related to the Ardoch Condominium, some sessions for the Official Plan and each year I attend the Lake Links Conference to hear from leading scientists about environmental concerns and to share ideas with other Lake Associations. The Lake Stewardship Committee works very hard to: 1) identify environmental concerns and provide recommendations; 2) use education to encourage lake users and public to respect and preserve the character of the lakes; 3) implement strategies and programs that aim to protect and enhance the natural resources we have. In 2017 a successful grant from FOCA allowed Lakes Stewardship Committee to address aspects of Aquatic Invasive Species. For 2018 MALLA has submitted a grant proposal to FOCA to continue the monitoring and intervention with respect to Aquatic Invasive Species.

A detailed report of the Lake Plan monitoring and updating is shared in the Stewardship report.